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**REGION IX**

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Vandenberg Air Force Base  
1028 Iceland Avenue  
Vandenberg AFB, CA 94347  
Attention: Daniel Carson

Dear Mr. Carson:

On April 14, 2014, representatives of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and Santa Barbara County Public Health Department (SBCPHD) conducted an unannounced compliance evaluation inspection (CEI) of Vandenberg AFB with EPA ID No: CA9570025149. The purpose of the inspection was to determine Vandenberg's compliance with applicable federal environmental statutes and regulations, and in particular, the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA), as amended, the regulations provided in the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR), Chapter 40, Parts 261-265, 268, 273, and 279, and the California Code Regulations (CCR), Title 22, Division 4.5 and the California Health and Safety Code, Division 20.

The inspectors conducted a physical inspection of the facility and reviewed records related to Vandenberg's hazardous waste management practices, as well as its permit for disposal of unexploded ordinance (UXO) and munitions waste. This inspection letter summarizes the violations (if any) identified by the inspectors and the corrective actions needed in order for compliance with federal regulations.

EPA and SBCPHD representatives conducted physical inspections of Vandenberg's explosive ordinance disposal (EOD) range, the less than 90-day hazardous waste storage area, and the EOD Operations Center. No deficiencies were found during the course of the inspection. Representatives also conducted a record review of Vandenberg's hazardous waste manifests, training records, demolition paperwork, range inspection sheets, contingency plan, waste reduction plan, biennial reports, soil monitoring, explosive demolition weights, and annual hazardous waste reports. Vandenberg met all requirements for a California LQG and its permit for disposal of munitions waste.

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Information Act regulations (40 CFR Part 2). If you believe any of the information contained in the Enclosure or submitted to EPA in response this letter contains confidential business information, please identify any such information in your response and assert a confidentiality claim in accordance with 40 C.F.R. § 2.203(b). If the EPA determines that the information over which you assert a claim meets the criteria set forth in 40 CFR § 2.208, the information will be disclosed only to the extent, and by means of the procedures specified in 40 CFR Part 2, Subpart B. EPA will construe the failure to furnish a confidentiality claim within fourteen (14) calendar days from the date of EPA's receipt of Vandenberg's response to this letter as a waiver of that claim and information may be made available to the public by the EPA without further notice. See, 40 CFR § 2.203(a)(2).

Because EPA did not find any RCRA violations, no administrative or judicial action with respect to Vandenberg AFB will be taken at this time. If you have any questions related to this letter, please contact Richard Francis of my staff at (415) 972-3342.

Sincerely,



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